



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

stmarystcatherine.org

Our Mission is to make active disciples of Jesus Christ by creating a welcoming community rich in spirituality and by moving people to embrace their God-given talents in the service of others and the care of creation.

May 30, 2021

Welcome!

To visitors to our Parish, to those who have recently moved into the area and to those comfortable and nourished here—*Welcome To All*. And, regardless of your status in the Church, your marital state, your ethnicity, your prior religious experience, your personal history, background or sexual orientation, please know that you are accepted and respected at Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena Parish. Please introduce yourself to the priest and register as a member of our Parish.

About Us

Saint Mary - Saint Catherine of Siena is an intentionally inclusive Roman Catholic Parish that welcomes all those who make up our diverse community in a way that reflects God's love. Nourished by the Gospel and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we build a vibrant Parish that strengthens our faith and elevates our worship. With gratitude for the gifts God has bestowed upon us, we respond to His call to stewardship and embrace our lives of service and compassion.

THE TRUTH



Reading a good novel that includes some real twists and turns in a courtroom drama has always been enjoyable. If you listen and/or read carefully about the moment the prime witness is called forward to give important testimony, there is that swearing-in moment. "In the testimony you are about to give, do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing

but the truth so help you God?" The judge, the jury, and the entire courtroom are seeking to arrive at the truth.

The emphasis placed on the whole truth and nothing but the truth is powerful, to say the least. I cannot make up the truth, I cannot repeat something often and, because of my saying so, it becomes the truth. The truth is exclusively and totally the truth.

The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the one whom Jesus promised to send remains as a force and an ongoing reality in Christianity. In fact, Jesus would say that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth and the Spirit's reason for being among believers is to give testimony to the truth.

So what is the truth about God? What is the truth about God's role in creation and, in fact, in and for each one of us? How has God revealed the truth to us? The underlying truth to which the Spirit testifies is that God is love. It is a simple phrase heard in sacred Scripture and in religions of the East and the West. God is love. The entirety of creation, all of us, are expressions of this truth.

The continuing movement of the Spirit of truth draws us more and more deeply into the concrete manifestation of this truth, found in Jesus Christ. For while we can know about the truth, it is another thing to live the truth. The life, the teachings, and example of Christ show us how to live the truth. It is a truth so profound that embracing it alters the landscape of life. It can define us, allow us to find our true purpose, and show us how to live out our purpose.

Telling the truth enables us to live with integrity. Living in the truth enables us to be good models of what it means to be a follower of Christ for others, especially our children and the children of others.

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Mass Schedule

Saturday – St. Mary Church

9:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

Sunday – St. Mary Church

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Family Mass

6:00 p.m. (*in Chapel during Summer months*)

Daily Mass Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. at **St. Catherine of Siena Chapel** (entrance on Soley St. side of Church)

Holidays 9:00 a.m. in Chapel

Reconciliation 3:15 p.m. Saturday in Church or by appointment

Baptism Visit stmaryscatherine.org/sacraments/ for our schedule or call Sr. Nancy at (617) 242-4664. Preparation classes are held for Parents and Godparents on the preceding Friday of the monthly baptism at 7PM in the Parish Center.

Pastor

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If for whatever reason one does not seek to live the truth, one can find oneself living a lie which manifests itself in so many of the classic illnesses of our time: loneliness, destructive excesses, pervasive searching, discontent on so many levels, an unhappy restlessness, the deterioration of societies, demonization and denigration of one another as persons and as countries, violent conflict and more are all manifestations of not living the truth.

That God is love and we, each of us, are expressions of that love, called to live that truth in our daily lives with one another, is the foundation of everyone's true purpose in life as is the responsibility to identify and challenge lies. So, perhaps when things become out of sorts and life is closing in on us, reaching out and grasping the truth and all that it means for each of us every day can not only be a lifesaver, but a soul saver – the soul of humanity.

Fr. Ronan

The Dominican Sisters of Peace

are hosting a free three-part virtual, interactive "Mission for Peace" program, via Zoom, for single, Catholic women, ages 18-45 on these three Sundays— June 13, July 18, and August 15, 2021 from 2-5pm Eastern Standard Time. If you have ever pondered whether God is calling you to become a Sister, we encourage you to join us for this FAITH-FILLED and SERVICE-ORIENTED experience. Set aside time to PRAY with our Sisters, to share with other women of FAITH, to discover God's PURPOSE for your life, to enjoy a behind the scenes glimpse of COMMUNITY LIFE, and to explore RELIGIOUS LIFE lived out as a Dominican Sister of Peace.

For more information, call or text Sister Bea Tiboldi at 614-400-1255 or email Bea.Tiboldi@opeace.org.



Our Stewardship Prayer by the Welcoming Committee

Heavenly Father, instill in our hearts a spirit of love and compassion. May we foster a welcoming parish community with acceptance and respect for all. Inspire us to make a difference by being generous with our time and talents. Please send your Holy Spirit among us to remind us to follow Jesus and his teachings in all aspects of our lives. As we end this Mass, may we go forth and spread goodwill among our neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Gratefully acknowledging that God gives us all, we each willingly offer our unique gifts to one another and all creation in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

**The Church is handicap-accessible on Soley Street.
The Chapel is handicap-accessible on Winthrop Street.**

Parish Center & Eucharistic Chapel

46 Winthrop Street **617-242-4664**

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Social Ministry Office
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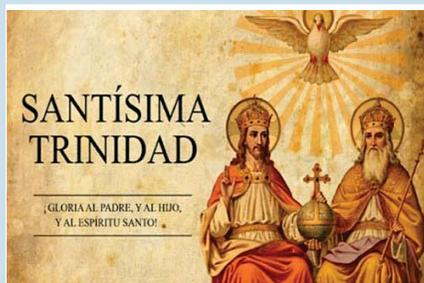
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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - May 29/30, 2021

In today's Gospel and in the reading from the letter of St. Paul we hear of the gift of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In our devotional life we make the sign of the cross and recite the "Glory Be" as an expression of our faith as a Trinitarian people. But what does it mean for Christian stewards to accept in a practical way the experience of God in this three-fold gift? Is it not a call to share our own life in community, with compassion and love, and to work for healing, justice, peace and unity? Is it not an invitation to invite others into fellowship with us in the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

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La vida cristiana se desarrolla totalmente en el signo y en presencia de la Trinidad. En la aurora de la vida, fuimos bautizados «en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo» y al final, junto a nuestra cabecera, se recitarán las palabras: «Marcha, oh alma Cristiana de este mundo, en el Nombre de Dios, el Padre omnipotente que te ha creado, en el nombre de Jesucristo que te ha redimido, y en el nombre del Espíritu Santo que te santifica».

Entre estos dos momentos extremos, se enmarcan otros llamados de «transición» que, para un cristiano, están marcados por la invocación de la Trinidad. En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, los esposos se unen en matrimonio y los sacerdotes son consagrados por el obispo. En el pasado, en nombre de la Trinidad, comenzaban los contratos, las sentencias y todo acto importante de la vida civil y religiosa.

No es verdad, por tanto, el que la Trinidad sea un misterio remoto, irrelevante para la vida de todos los días. Por el contrario, son las tres personas más «íntimas» en la vida: no están fuera de nosotros, como sucede con la mujer o el marido, sino que están dentro de nosotros. «Hacen morada en nosotros» (Juan 14, 23), nosotros somos su «templo».

Pero, ¿por qué creen los cristianos en la Trinidad? ¿No es ya bastante difícil creer que Dios existe como para añadir también que es «uno y trino»? ¡Los cristianos creen que Dios es uno y trino porque creen que Dios es amor! La revelación de Dios como amor, hecha por Jesús, ha «obligado» a admitir la Trinidad. No es una invención humana.

Si Dios es amor, tiene que amar a alguien. No existe un amor «al vacío», sin objeto. Pero, ¿a quién ama Dios para ser definido amor? ¿A los hombres? Pero los hombres existen tan sólo desde hace unos millones de años, nada más. ¿Al cosmos? ¿Al universo? El universo existe sólo desde hace algunos miles de millones de años. Antes, ¿a quién amaba Dios para poder definirse amor? No podemos decir que se amaba a sí mismo, porque esto no sería amor, sino egoísmo o narcisismo.

Esta es la respuesta de la revelación cristiana: Dios es amor porque desde la eternidad tiene «en su seno» un Hijo, el Verbo, al que ama con un amor infinito, es decir, con el Espíritu Santo. En todo amor siempre hay tres realidades o sujetos: uno que ama, uno que es amado, y el amor que les une. El Dios cristiano es uno y trino porque es comunión de amor. En el amor se reconcilian entre sí unidad y pluralidad; el amor crea la unidad en la diversidad: unidad de propósitos, de pensamiento, de voluntad; diversidad de sujetos, de características, y, en el ámbito humano, de sexo. En este sentido, la familia es la imagen menos imperfecta de la Trinidad. No es casualidad que al crear la primera pareja humana Dios dijera: «Hagamos al ser humano a nuestra imagen, como semejanza nuestra» (Génesis 26-27).

Según los ateos modernos, Dios no sería más que una proyección que el hombre se hace de sí mismo, como uno que confunde con una persona diversa su propia imagen reflejada en un arroyo. Esto puede ser verdad con respecto a cualquier otra idea de Dios, pero no con respecto al Dios cristiano. ¿Qué necesidad tendría el hombre de dividirse a sí mismo en tres personas: Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, si verdaderamente Dios no es más que la proyección que el hombre hace de su propia imagen? La doctrina de la Trinidad es, por sí sola, el mejor antídoto al ateísmo moderno.

¿Te parece demasiado difícil todo esto? ¿No has comprendido mucho? Te diría que no te preocupes. Cuando uno está en la orilla de un lago o de un mar y se quiere saber lo que hay del otro lado, lo más importante no es agudizar la vista y tratar de otear el horizonte, sino subirse a la barca que lleva a esa orilla. Con la Trinidad, lo más importante, no es elucubrar sobre el misterio, sino permanecer en la fe de la Iglesia, que es la barca que lleva a la Trinidad.



The Feast of the Visitation of Mary Monday, May 31, 2021

This feast commemorates the three-month visit of Mary with her elderly cousin Elizabeth during Mary's pregnancy with Jesus and Elizabeth's with John the Baptist. The story appears in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel. It recounts Elizabeth's Spirit-filled greeting, acknowledging Mary as "the mother of my Lord," and Mary's beautiful response, the Magnificat, which begins, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." Introduced by the Franciscans in 1263, the feast became universal in the 16th century. Getty Images Copyright © 2021, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Quote from Pope Francis, copyright © 2018, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Vatican City State. All rights reserved. Used with permission. This article is an excerpt from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults.

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Most Loving and Faithful God,

You loved humankind into being and you bless us now with each precious moment of life. Our hearts are grateful for your loving faithfulness. Grateful, too, are we for the millions of loving acts that blossom from human hearts around us every day.

On this Memorial Day Weekend, we remember those we love who are now enjoying the fullness of Your promise.

We especially remember with deepest gratitude and awe the extraordinary men and women who, out of love, followed in the footsteps of your son, Jesus, and made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day. Keep these fallen heroes in the light of your loving care.

Help us to be mindful of the wounded heroes in our midst who, with valorous hearts, risked their lives that we might prosper and that our children's futures might be secured.

Show your love and care on the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day. May they feel our love and support, and may they trust in You who are with them always. We ask you this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

COVID-19 Updates, May 2021

From the Archdiocese of Boston

Given the new State of Massachusetts protocols that go into place on May 29, the following guidance is issued for the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Vaccinated Persons: masks and social distancing are no longer required at Mass. Seating is available for this population in the center aisles.

Non-vaccinated Persons: Masks covering nose and mouth and social distancing is required. Seating is available for this population in the pews closest to the Stations of the Cross.

Those who are vaccinated may continue to wear masks and social distance, if preferred.

Communion Stations: There will be **three** communion stations—the **center aisle and two side aisles**. Please continue to social distance when you come to communion. The Communion line begins with those seated in the front pews. You may return to your seat by the same aisle. You are no longer required to step up and return by the side aisles.

MORE TO COME



SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 19, 2021
CARDINAL SEAN will be celebrating the
4:00 pm Mass

A WORKSHOP FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Building Resilience:

Why Is The Work I Love To Do Becoming So Hard?

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A Program for Nurses, Social Workers, First Responders, Pastoral Care Workers, Care Takers...

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

from 11am-12:30pm via Zoom

Free for all First Responders

(nurses, front line workers, pastoral associates...)

For all others: Free or a Free Will Donation

Presenter: Donna McCarten White, RN, PhD, CNS, LADC I

This workshop is for all who find themselves experiencing Compassion Fatigue after an unusually stressful year. Using the principles of mindfulness, Dr. White will lead us on a Path to Self-care and Wellness during stressful times in our lives.

SJSM is happy to be partnering with Regis College School of Nursing in offering this program. (Contact hours through Regis College School of Nursing are pending approval.)

To register, call 781-227-4730 or e-mail spiritual.ministries@csjboston.org.



Please Support our Restoration Project

Welcome to our newly restored church! St. Mary-St. Catherine Parish has been undergoing an extensive repainting and artwork preservation and restoration project the past two years. Through the generosity of more than 125 parish families, more than \$600,000 has been raised thus far, enabling most of the work to be completed last summer. There is more to do, however, with renovations to the front entry way and new sanctuary carpeting still outstanding. We are hoping to get participation of any amount from all our Parish families.

If you are able to assist in this project, you can participate in our Inspiring Hope campaign with a special donation. Just follow the link below or snap a picture of the QR Code on your phone to visit the donation page directly. All gifts are welcomed and appreciated! We look forward to welcoming everyone back to our beautiful church.

From your smartphone: Use your phone’s camera to visit the donation page. Make sure to select St. Mary-St. Catherine Parish as the designation.

Or from your computer: Visit www.InspiringHopeCampaign.org and click on “Ways to Give” to access the donation page or to download a pledge form.

THANK YOU!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God’s plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

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Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24
 Thursdays/Mondays Jul 8-29

Welcome

MASS SCHEDULE

10:30 AM SUNDAY MASS WILL BE LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK AND RECORDED ON OUR WEBSITE FOR FUTURE VIEWING.

SATURDAY 05/29

9:00 AM
4:00 PM

SUNDAY 05/30

8:00 AM PARISHIOER INTENTIONS
10:30 AM + GERALD STILPHEN
FR. ROBERT MOTTAU,
BRADLEE TAYLOR AND
ARLENE TAYLOR
6:00 PM ROBERT & MARY ALIX

ROSARY SAID AT 7:30 BEFORE
DAILY MASS

MONDAY 05/31

MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE
CLOSED
9:00 AM

TUESDAY 06/01

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY 06/02

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

THURSDAY 06/03

8:00 PM

FRIDAY 06/04

8:00 AM

SATURDAY 06/05

9:00 AM

4:00 PM PARISHIONER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 06/06

8:00 AM + EMMA MAHONEY

10:30 AM FRESIA'S CLASSMATES OF
ST ANN'S BOLIVIA

6:00 PM

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

- May 23 - Seminary Offering
- June 06 - India & Brazil Covid Relief
- June 13 - Monthly
- June 20 - Promoting the Gospel
- July 18 - Monthly

Weekend of
May 22 & 23, 2021
Parishioners contributed

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is always a joyful event in our Parish. It's such a privilege to facilitate this momentous event in the lives of families and in particular, the life of the child. To learn more, please contact Sr. Nancy at:

617-242-4664 or email:
ncitro@stmaryscatherine.org



Dylan Joseph Knellinger - May 2021

ATTENDANCE

MAY 22
4:00 PM 30

MAY 23
8:00 AM 39
10:30 AM 92
6:00 PM 40

TOTAL 201



*Resquiescat
in
Pace*

*Detective
Joseph P. Smith*



**Dear Marian
Friends,**

On Saturdays, we
gather for our Saturday

Rosary via Zoom.

Sign on is at 8AM,
and we will begin praying at 8:15AM.

If you are interested, please
email Donna at:

donna.lecam@gmail.com for the
Zoom information.

All are most welcome.



Anne Louise Bourassa

Teamwork



Un sincero agradecimiento a todos los que han contribuido a la Apelación Católica de este año.

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